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Education

National University of Singapore (NUS)

2024 – 2028

PhD in Public Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Singapore

Current GPA: 4.86/5

- President's Graduate Fellow
- Works on the intersections of climate, economics and policy
- Skills: STATA, R, \LaTeX

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG)

2021 – 2023

MA Development Studies

Assam, India

GPA: 9.65/10

- Jadav Prasad Chaliha Award for Academic Excellence (awarded to one student per batch)
- Institute Merit Scholarship 2021-22 (awarded to one student per year)
- TEDx speaker and winner of UnrestrictedTED 2022 at IITG

[Listen to my TEDx Talk here](#)

Christ University

2018 – 2021

BA (Honours) Economics

Bengaluru, India

GPA: 4/4

- First rank - BA (Hons) Economics 2018-21 batch
- University Academic Scholarship (2019-20, 2020-21) - highest grade in all courses taken

Additional Training

George Mason University

August 2023 – December 2023

Don Lavoie Fellowship

Virginia, United States (Online)

- Learning concepts and applications of political economy in governance through readings, online discussions, written assignments and recorded lectures

Kyoto University

July 2022 – August 2022

Summer/Spring Program

Kyoto, Japan (Online)

- Attended classes on statistics, economics, history, sustainability and international relations
- Completed Elementary Level -1 Japanese language classes

Research Experience

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore

May 2023 – April 2024

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Economics

Bengaluru, India

- Research Assistant to Prof. Tirthatanmoy Das in the Economics and Social Sciences area
- WIPRO Sustainability Fellowship recipient for work on climate change and inequality
- Completed two PhD-level courses - Mathematical Economics and Econometrics-1; scored among the top three in class in both courses
- Applied STATA and R to analyse data, and build models for class projects

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

May 2022 – October 2022

Research Intern

Kerala, India

- Conducted a combined impact evaluation of two watershed development projects - NABARD Holistic Watershed Development Project and the German State-funded KfW Soil Project
- Collected and analysed primary data from six watersheds in three districts through a field study through 135 semi-structured interviews
- Prepared an impact evaluation of 17 interventions under NABARD's watershed development projects by comparing baseline data with post-treatment data collected from the field
- Constructed a qualitative chapter for the evaluation by transcribing 54 key informant interviews, coding them into seven themes, and drawing inferences

Kerala Institute of Local Administration

May 2019

Research Intern

Kerala, India

- Conducted a study on Local Self-Government initiatives for the disabled and their socioeconomic impacts, based on extensive field research in two Gram Panchayats in Kerala
- Assisted with the organisation of a three-day training program for local elected representatives, on child-friendly governance; prepared documentation and minutes for syllabus-vetting sessions by experts for the institute's new courses

Publications, Theses, Conferences

- Parvathy Sailesh and Dr Padmini Ram (2022). "Enablers of Successful Fiscal Decentralization: A Case Study of Three Gram Panchayats in Kerala" *Economic and Political Weekly*, 57(1), pp 17-24
- Parvathy Sailesh. (2021). "Exploring the Enablers of Successful Fiscal Decentralisation Through Panchayati Raj in Kerala" *BA Economics (Hons.) Dissertation, Christ University*
- Parvathy Sailesh. (2021). "Exploring Benefit Availability and Budget Efficiency in Local Governments: A Case Study of Two Gram Panchayats in Kerala" *MA Development Studies Dissertation, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati*
- Parvathy Sailesh and Rithvika P. (2021). "An Unlikely Trinity: The Sphere of Cross Influence Among Language, Economics and Gender Equality." *Indian Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 9(1), pp 25-37
Won Best Paper Award at the Virtual Conference on Education as a Propelling Force Towards Sustainable Development Goals, Centre for Social Action, Christ University (November 2020)
- Rithvika P and Parvathy Sailesh. (2021). "When All Roads Do Not Lead to Rome: Understanding Data Protection in India from Legal and Economic Perspectives." *Journal for Law Students and Researchers*, 3(1)

Professional Experience

Christ Consulting

April 2020 – May 2021

Student Associate

Bengaluru, India

- Part of a three-member team that drafted the business plan and revenue model for Christ Consulting Expert Connect, which became the highest revenue generator for the firm
- Led a LinkedIn outreach strategy for a two-month term, generating over 1000 followers
- Conducted a detailed market research on services that bridge academia and industry; used the findings to draft a pricing model for the firm's Expert Connect program

Students' Academic Board

September 2021 – December 2022

Treasurer

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India

- Executed bill settlements and financial documentation for the Board's regular activities
- Core Committee Member, Research and Industrial Conclave 2022: Managed volunteer and organizer expenses, and event hosting at the University's flagship annual research meet, including guest relations for the Nobel-winning keynote speaker

References: Available upon request

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